GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Health Medical & Family Welfare Department - Irregularities committed in the recruitment of Multi-Purpose Health Assistants(Male) 2002/2012 by Dr.T.Shakuntala, the then DM&HO, W.G. District, Eluru (Retd) - Departmental Proceedings initiated - Article of Charges framed- Inquiry Conducted – Inquiry Report received - Show cause Notice issued - Explanation received - Penalty of "withholding of Six (6) % of pension cut permanently" – Imposed - Orders- Issued.

HEALTH, MEDICAL AND FAMILY WELFARE (VC.1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 129 **Dated: 14.02.2023.**

Read the following:-

1. From the GA (V&E) Dept., Vigilance Report No.87 (C.No.4119/V&E (DEV-I)/D2/2013), dated.17-05-2014.
2. G.O.Rt.No.14, HM&FW (VC.I) Dept, dated.17-01-2017.
3. Govt. Memo.No.7757/VC1 (1)/2014, dated.10-11-2017.
4. From the DPH&FW, AP,Lr.Rc.No.683/VC1.B/2015, dated.08-12-2017.
5. G.O.Rt.No.243, HM&FW (VC.I) Dept, dated.08-6-2018.
6. G.O.Rt.No.276, HM&FW (VC.I) Dept, dated:04-07-2018.
7. G.O.Rt.No.343, HM&FW(VC.I)Dept,dated:24-07-2019.
8. From Sri.R.P.Sisodia, I.A.S., Commissioner of Inquires, GAD, AP, D.O.Lr.No.120/COI-RPS/2019,dated.17-12-2020.
9. Govt.Memo.No.20021/13/V.C.1(1)/2018, dated.24-12-2020.
10. From the DPH&FW, AP, Vijayawada, Lr.Rc.No.683/ VC.1.B/2015, Dated.26.05.2021 & 16.11.2021.
11. Explanation of Dr.T.Sakuntala, formerly DM&HO, W.G. District Dt.12.04.2022 received through the Superintendent, GGH, Vijayawada, Lr.Rc.No.169/E1/2022, dated.12.04.2022 forwarded by the DPH&FW, A.P., Vijayawada.
12. From the DPH&FW, A.P., Vijayawada Lr.Rc.No.683/VC.1.B/2015, dated.08-6-2022.
13. Govt.Letter.No.20021/13/V.C.1(1)/2018 HM&FW(VC.I) Dept., dated.13.06.2022
14. From the Secretary, APPSC, File No.GAD03-APPS0DCC/39/2022-DC SEC-APPSC Computer No.1758208, Dated.25.06.2022 & File No.GAD03-APPS0DCC/38/2022-DC SEC-APPSC (Computer No.1758016), dated.25.06.2022.

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ORDER:-

In the reference 1st read above, the GA (V&E) Dept., after conducting enquiry in to the allegations of certain irregularities took place in the recruitment of Multi-Purpose Health Assistants (Male) 2002/2012 in West Godavari District have furnished a report and recommended for initiation of disciplinary action against Dr.T.Sakuntala, the then DM&HO, W.G. District, presently retired from Government service and (3) others.

2. Based on the report of the GA (V&E) Dept., Government have initiated Departmental Proceedings against all the (4) officials involved in the Vigilance Case separately and accordingly framed Article of Charges against Dr.T.Sakuntala, the then DM&HO, W.G. District and (3) others under Rule 20 r/w Rule 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 in the G.O. 2nd read above.

3. As the Written Statement of Defence of the Charged Officers, Dr.T.Shakuntala, the then DM&HO, W.G. District, Eluru and (3) others were not convinced, Government have appointed Sri P.K.Sarangi, I.F.S, Commissioner of Inquires, G.A. Department as Inquiring Authority to inquire in to the charges framed against Dr.T.Sakuntala, formerly DM&HO, W.G. District and (3) others in exercise of the powers conferred under sub-rule (2) of rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 in the G.O.5th read above.

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4. In the G.O. 6th read above, Sri.M.Vara Prasada Rao, Advocate was appointed as Presenting Officer under sub-rule (5) (c) of Rule 20 of A.P.Civil Services (CCA) Rules,1991 to present the case before the Inquiring Authority on behalf of the disciplinary authority.

5. In the G.O. 7th read above, the case was re-assigned to Sri.R.P.Sisodia, I.A.S, Principal Secretary to Government(Political), G.A.Department as Inquiry Officer in place of Sri P.K.Sarangi, I.F.S, the then Commissioner of Inquires, G.A. Department on administrative grounds, to inquire into the charges against Dr.T.Sakuntala, formerly DM&HO, W.G. District and (3) others and submit the enquiry report within a period of two months.

6. In the reference 8th read above, Sri.R.P.Sisodia, I.A.S., Commissioner of Inquires, G.A.Dept., has furnished the Inquiry report into the charges framed against Dr.T.Sakuntala, formerly DM&HO, W.G. District and (3) others concluding that the Charges framed are held as proved. The inquiry report was communicated to the Charged Officers and their explanation were received in the references 10th to 12th read above.

7. Government having examined the matter taken a provisional decision to impose a major penalty of "withholding of Six (6) % of pension permanently" against (2) retired officials viz.,Dr.T.Shakuntala, the then DM&HO, W.G. District, Eluru and Sri J.Raghu Swarna, the then Admn. Officer, O/o DM&HO, W.G. District, Eluru and referred the matter to APPSC for their advice in the reference 13th read above.

8. In the reference 14th read above, the Secretary, APPSC has furnished the Commission's advice in connection with imposition of penalty in respect of the (2) D.Os viz., Dr.T.Shakuntala, the then DM&HO, W.G. District, Eluru and Sri J.Raghu Swarna, the then Admn. Officer, O/o DM8HO, W.G. District, Eluru that to enhance the penalty to 10% cut in Pension permanently instead of (6) % cut in pension.

9. Government, after careful examination of the matter hereby impose the penaltly of withhokding of 6% Pension cut permanently against Dr.T.Shakuntala, the then DM&HO, W.G. District, Eluru (now retd), under rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

10. The Director of Public Health & Family Welfare, AP, Vijayawada shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

M T KRISHNA BABU
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Dr.T.Shakuntala, the then DM&HO, W.G. District, Eluru(Retd) through the Director of Public Health & Family Welfare, AP, Vijayawada.
The Director of Public Health & Family Welfare, AP, Vijayawada.

Copy to :
The Secretary, APPSC,Vijayawada.
The Secretary to APVC, Velagapudi, Guntur Dist.
The GA (COI) Deptt., AP., Secretariat Velagapudi.
The PS to SPL.CS to CM.
The OSD to Hon'ble Minister (HFW&ME).
The PS to Prl.Secy to Govt.HM&FW Department.
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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

K. Sreenivas
SECTION OFFICER